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Our Evening Thought

Oh, this is a beautiful world. I know not what to think of it. Sometimes it is all sunshine and gladness and heaven itself lies not far off, and then it suddenly changes and is dark and sorrowful and the clouds shut out the day. In the lives of the saddest of us there are days like this, when we feel as if we could take the whole world into our arms. Then comes the gloomy hours when the fire will not burn in our hearts and all without and within is dismay—cold and dark. Believe me every heart has its sorrow which the world knows not and oft times we call a man cold when he is only sad.—Henry W. Longfellow.

Of interest to friends in Florida is the announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Bernice Wright to Mr. Robert F. Wright, both of Macon, Ga. Both young people are deservedly popular in Macon social circles. Miss Wright, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright and a granddaughter of the late Capt. H. C. Wright and Gen. Robert Bullock of this city, is a petite brunette and recognized as one of the most beautiful girls of Macon's younger set. She has been a frequent visitor to this city and since her debut has enjoyed unusual popularity in all the social affairs of the south. Mr. Wright is the son of Mrs. L. R. Wright. Macon has always been his home and he is popular in social and business circles. The marriage will be solemnized in the First Methodist church early in November and will be a high noon affair. While as yet all the wedding

plans have not been perfected, it is known that it will be one of the largest and most beautiful weddings ever held in the city of Macon.

Lake Weir the beautiful was the scene of one of the largest supper parties of the season last Sunday evening when Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Camp entertained a number of their friends. Besides the various members of the Camp families the other guests were Misses Blair Woodrow, Lottie Smith, Mary Harriet Livingston, Hope Robinson, Mary and Agnes Burford, Martha Kate and Louise Rentz, Rexie Todd, Margaret Jackson, Meme Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Mabel Meffert, Messrs. Robert, Leslie and Pat Anderson, Sam Burford, Edward Brooks, Robert, Alfred and Kenneth MacKay, Norton Davis. Mrs. J. C. B. Koonce and Mrs. C. H. Lloyd chaperoned the Ocala crowd, who returned to their homes about 11 o'clock. Nearly every guest on the lake had its quota of guests over Sunday and it was one of those hot sultry days known only to a "hot time in September." The change from city streets to cool refreshing breezes was most enjoyable to all. At Idlewild Mr. and Mrs. McIver had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Harris, Mr. A. O. Harris and Miss Caroline Harris of Ocala and Mr. and Mrs. Rice of Citra.

Miss Dorothy Schreiber was hostess today of the Tuesday auction club. The young ladies met at 4 o'clock and for two hours enjoyed to the fullest the pleasures of this ever fascinating game. Miss Schreiber, Mrs. F. T.

Schreiber and Miss Hilda Budd of Leesburg, received the guests. At the conclusion of the afternoon refreshing ice cream and white cake was served. The prizes were handkerchiefs for the guest scoring highest and a picture frame to the club member. Miss Schreiber's guests were Misses Hilda Budd, Hope Robinson, Hester Dewey, Kathleen Jackson, Mary McDowell, Nellie Gottlieb, Helen Brown and Mrs. Herbert Lattner.

Mr. John Waterman returned this afternoon from a week's visit to his brother, Mr. Rufus Waterman and family in Gainesville, Ga. Mr. Waterman went especially to accompany his little nephew, Master Marcus Waterman home after a visit of some length to his grand mother, Mrs. S. E. Waterman.

Miss Leslie Jackson has returned from a week-end spent with Mrs. B. F. Condon and family at Lake Weir.

Mrs. A. A. Winer and son Freddie left yesterday afternoon for a few weeks' visit to Mrs. J. W. Kea and family at Hawthorne.

Mrs. Vogt, Mrs. P. W. Whiteside and Miss Josie Williams have as their guest their sister, Miss Dora Williams of Owen. Miss Carrie Pelot, who is also their guest, will leave in a few days for a trip to New York and other eastern cities, to be absent for some time.

Miss Hilda Budd, who has been the guest of Miss Dorothy Schreiber for the past few days, will leave tomorrow for her home in Leesburg. Miss Budd will return to Stetson University shortly for the winter.

Mr. Edwin Swain, who maintains a musical studio at 64 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., has completed a series of concert engagements for the coming winter in Brooklyn, Pittsburgh, Jamaica, Long Island and at his old home, Muncie, Ind.

Mrs. W. A. Knight left yesterday for her old home in Valdosta, where she will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Childress for some time.

Mrs. B. F. Morrison left yesterday for a week's visit to her father-in-law, Mr. Morrison at Oklawaha, where she will remain during her husband's absence on business in Leesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Weathers whose marriage in the early summer was the social event of the hour in North Adams, Mass., and who since their marriage have been making their home at Atlantic Beach, have recently gone to housekeeping in one of the Aberdeen apartments in Riverside, Jacksonville.

Miss Meta Jewett, who is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. Sanford Jewett in Lakeland, was one of the guests of honor at an auction party last Saturday morning given by Mrs. R. R. Sullivan. Mrs. W. D. Ritchey formerly of this city, was also an honor guest.

Mrs. Brinkley, who recently purchased the Anderson house on Fort King avenue, is having extensive repairs made and will in all probability open it early in the winter at a boarding house.

The Eastern Star sewing circle will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. F. G. B. Weihe.

Miss Helen Veal, who has been visiting Miss Katie Mae Eagleton for some time, returned to her home at Cotton Plant this afternoon.

Mrs. Munroe and two children of Tampa, have returned home after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Turner.

Mrs. Chapel, one of the nurses at the hospital, returned yesterday afternoon from a vacation of two weeks.

Mrs. Henry E. Shoeflin and daughter, Miss Antonette of Tampa, are guests of Mrs. Port V. Leavengood at her home on South Sanchez street. They have just returned from a six weeks' visit to relatives at Milledgeville, Ga.

There will be a silver medal contest this evening at the North Ocala Union church, to which the public is invited.

Mrs. Washburn and Miss Emma Washburn have returned from a short visit to Pine, where they have been in the interest of the W. C. T. U. work in which they are most prominent.

Mr. William Camp will leave tomorrow afternoon for Virginia, where he will resume his school duties at Washington and Lee for the winter. He will be accompanied by his cousin, Miss Stella Camp, who will enter Hollins for the winter term.

Mr. Paul Weathers arrived in New York City yesterday from a vacation spent in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Weathers. Mr. Weathers will enter Harvard University for a post graduate course in business administration.

Miss Janet Weathers is the guest for two weeks of her sister, Mrs. G. H. Ford and brother, Mr. R. S. Weathers in Jacksonville.

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LETTER FROM MAJOR IZLAR

Blackville, S. C., Sept. 11.

Editor Star: I have been reading some things in the Star which make me feel like saying a few things myself, but before doing so I will write of some matters here which may be of interest to some of the readers of your paper.

I will begin with the crops, as you and I are good farmers and know good crops when we see them. I found out you were when I read that article of yours after your visit to the Oklawaha Valley Farms. Some folks thought when they read it that you set out from Ocala to go fishing and rounded up at the farm about the time the snake medicine was out, but not I, I knew it was no fish story for I had seen good corn myself up in the Paicolet valley. Well I have seen some real good corn here, but not as good as that you saw—that is not so much of it that was that good. The crops here are not so generally good as the people had hoped for, although many of the farmers have splendid crops of all kinds, others have poor crops and will not make corn enough to feed their stock through another season. Commercial fertilizers were not used by any means as freely as heretofore and while cotton is bringing a fairly good price and the crop was produced at much smaller cost, still the crop is short and there will be but little surplus cash left in the hands of the farmers to supply the needs of the coming winter or to start off another crop for the coming year. Of course this does not apply to all of them by any means, for many of the larger planters have an abundance of every necessary thing including a good cash balance in the bank. The people, however, are not down-hearted or pessimistic. They have the true grit and will go at it again, confident that they will win out sooner or later—and they will.

Some of the best informed cotton men here, who have dealt in the staple for many years and of course made crop and market conditions a study for years say the crop will be very short this year, less than 12,000,000 bales. They do not hesitate to blame the English government for the present condition of the cotton market and believe that it is all done to hamper American commerce and so as to keep our trade with foreign growing and expanding while the war is on. That England does not want the United States to get an established trade in foreign countries fearing the loss of much of her trade and former customers if after the war she has to compete with us. They scout the reasons alleged by England for her interference with the freedom of our trade with neutral nations and do not believe that cotton enters to any great extent into the composition of high explosives, saying, if that were so, why does Russia, so sadly in need of munitions speak for so little cotton? And if so, why is it that in the U. S., where it is claimed that millions and millions of dollars worth of munitions are being manufactured, that the demand here for cotton does not run the price up? If the English contention were true, it does seem that the ammunition factories would now be in a regular scramble for cotton in order to be in position to meet their large contracts. It looks so doesn't it?

Further than that—some of them believe that England is responsible for the strained relations now existing between our government and Germany and believe that England is doing everything she can to bring about the breaking point between the U. S. and Germany, even to war. I have heard some say (and they believe it) that the English government actually paid a big price to American adventurers to travel back and forth across the Atlantic on English lines so that there may be an American life lost on every ship the submarines torpedo. They say they have heard this from men who have traveled here and there since these troubles began. Now all these sentiments I have heard expressed did not come from the lips of Germans or Americans born of German parents, but from the lips of

well read and intelligent citizens, whose ancestors fought in the war for American independence. Now, I do not know whether these men are right or wrong in what they contend that they believe, but there is logic in most of it. I do not know, however, that while it is the undoubted right of every American citizen to travel on the high seas in any ship he or she may choose, it does seem to me that no good and patriotic citizen would jeopardize his or her life or their country's peace and prosperity by traveling on a ship loaded with contraband or armed for conflict when the traveling could be done just as swiftly and as pleasantly as our own ships. As I have said, they have the unquestioned right to travel on any ship they choose, but it is always the highest duty of every citizen to insist upon exercising every right which he has? Would it not be better sometimes to follow St. Paul's action when he says, "All things are possible with me, but all things are not expedient." I think so.

On next Tuesday the 14th there is to be an election held in every county in this state for state-wide prohibition, but I have been around and about here now for nearly two weeks and I have scarcely heard the subject mentioned one way or another. The newspapers have very little to say about it, so there is no way that I can guess at what the result will be. All that I can say is that if the people are as indifferent as they seem to be, there will be a very light vote cast.

I see by the Star that Mayor Robertson has published the two bids for the city bond issue, and in connection therewith has asked some pretty pertinent and interesting questions. I had never seen these bids before and they are rather interesting documents and have some unusual stipulations. It would be or rather is, a thing unheard of by me before, that the purchasers of the city bonds should expect the city to permit them to designate the place or places the city should keep its own money and to keep it indefinitely without interest and almost dictate to the city when it should be drawn upon. But I will not comment further upon the subject until I see what the bond trustees have to say in reply to the mayor's questions, except to say that the two bids and the sidelight papers accompanying them look as much alike as Miss O'Marley's twins, Dennis and Mike, and it may be the only way you could tell them apart is to do as she said she did—only it might turn out upon the test that both of them were "Moikes."

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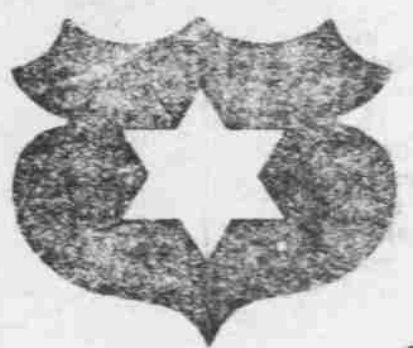
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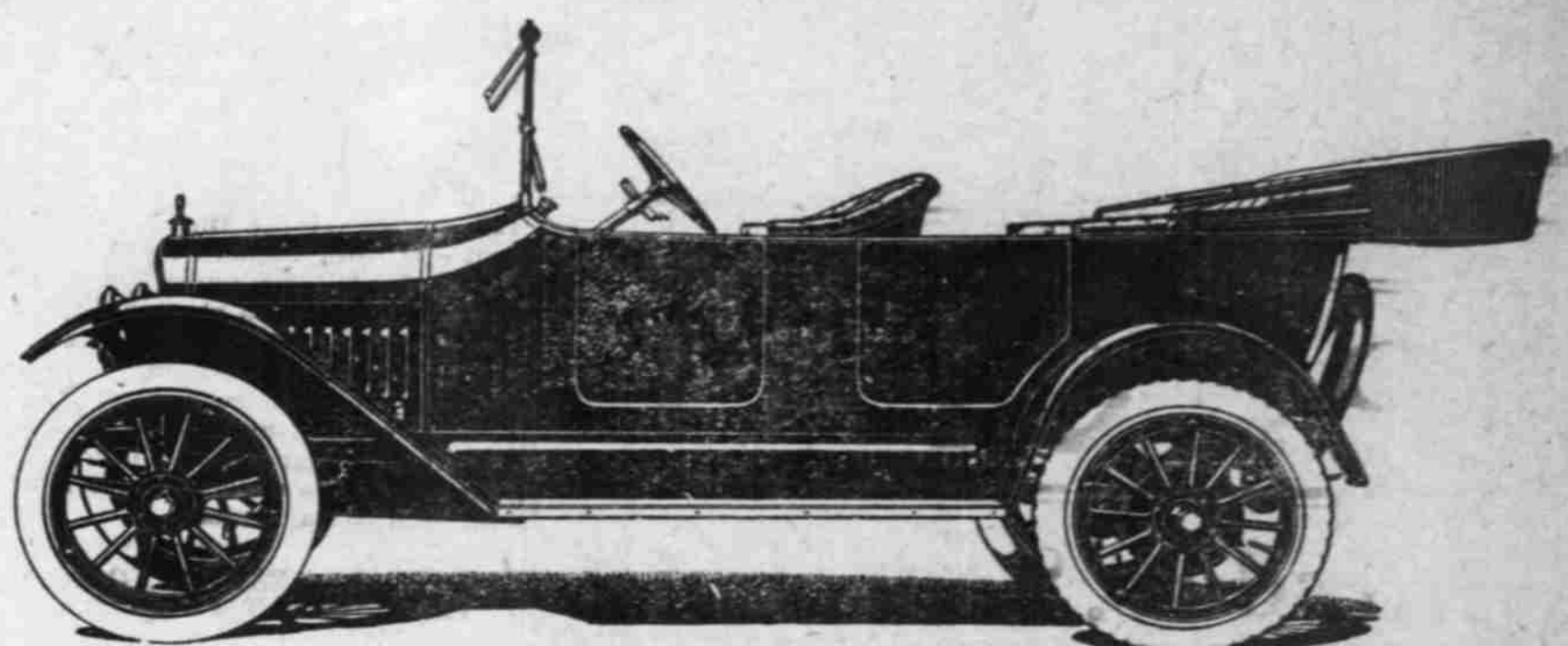
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